(c) whether it is also a fact that the Institute has set up such a farm for more than 7 to 8 years in Kutch district of Gujarat where no crop yield has been sustained so far;

(d) if so, whether the Institute propose to hand over this farm land to the State Goverment; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the purpose for which it has been kept for a long time?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) has mandate of research in dryland development for growing various crops in arid eco systems in the States of Rajasthan and Gujarat.

(b) The Institute has set up regional experimental research farms at Jodhpur, Pali, Bikaner, Jaisalmer in Rajasthan and at Bhuj in Gujarat.

(c) the farm set up by the Central Arid Zone Research Institute, during the year 1987 at Bhuj in Kachchh district has been utilised for conducting experiments on trees namely neem, israeili babul, subabul; ber (Gola and seb varieties); grasses (anjan and dhaman varieties) and field crops (moth bean, cluster been and pearl millet). Since, the establishment of the trees and grass component take time in arid-eco system, the farm has started giving produce only since last few years.

(d) Neither the State Govt. has asked nor the ICAR is thinking to hand over the farm. ICAR is pending about Rs.3 lakhs on Bhuj centre every year and now has started getting receipt out of the sale of the grasses, fruits and field crops.

(e) The research farm at Bjuj has been set up to meet the following objectives:

(1) to undertake natural and human resources survey of the region.

(2) to undertake socio-economic studies of rural and tribal population.

(3) to undertake studies on dryland farming for maximising production.

(4) to undertake studies on arid horticulture including pest management.

(5) to develop suitable silvi pastoral system in a farming system—perspective.

Since, the development of appropriate technologies for such an arid and fragile eco-system is the mandate of CAZRI, the farm and other research infrastructure set up at Bhuj will help in developing technologies which could be pratised by development agencies/farmers in the area for immproving the overall productivity.

Ongoing Railway Projects on South Eastern Railway

*295. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway lines under construction in South-Eastern Railway;

(b) the details of those projects, State-wise, and the progress as on date, project-wise;

(c) the estimated cost of those projects and allocation made for those projects during Eighth Plan (year-wise);

(d) the date by which the projects are expected to be completed; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The number of new railway lines under construction on S E Railway are Seven

(b) to (e) The details of these projects state-wise and the progress as on date project-wise, the estimated cost and the allocations made yearwise during the 8th plan together with the target date of completion are furnished below:

No.	State	Name of project	Km.	Estimated cost Rs. in crs.	Yearly allocation during 8th plan (in crs. of Rs.)					Target Date of Completion	Status
1	2	3	4		5					6	7
					92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97		
NEW LINES											
1	West Bengal	Howrah-Amta BG line in lieu of Howrah-Amta light Railway include. Bargachia-Champadanga branch	73.5	31.42	Rs. 1000 only	1.00@	Rs. 1000 only	Rs. 1000 only	2.00	31.3.98 for Munshirhat-Bargachia	24Km section from Santaragachi to Bargachia has been completed and commissioned in 1984. Due to resource constraint the work was frozen in 86-87 which has been defrozen recently and work on Bargachia-Munshirhat section is in progress.
2	Orissa	Talcher-Sambalpur	174	336.68	20.00	30.00	35.11	24.00	50.00	31.12.97	Talcher-Angul (18 km) and Sambalpur-Maneswar (16 Km) have been completed. The work in balance portion is in progress.
3	West Bengal	Tamluk-Digha	87.5	73.71	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.43	1.00	Not yet fixed	Work is in progress depending upon the availability of funds.
4	Orissa	Daitari-Banspani	155	242.55	—	25.00	23.00	30.00	20.00	31.3.2000	Earthwork and bridges are under construction from km 0 to 124. Beyond km 124 forest clearance is awaited. The progress is slow for want of addl. funds.
5	Orissa	Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh	54	100.00	—	Rs. 1000 only	2.00	2.00	1.00	Not yet fixed	Work has been taken up on 2.5 km stretch near Bhavanipatna where land has been acquired. Environmental clearance for forest land is being persued.

1	2		4						6		7
6	Orissa	Khurda Road-Bolangir	289	353.38	—	—	1.00	2.00	1.00	Not yet fixed	Final location survey has been taken and preparation of land plans is in progress. Work would be taken up once the land becomes available.
7	Orissa	Haridaspur-Paradeep	78	121.88	—	—	—	—	3.00	3.00	Final location survey has been taken and preparation of land plans is in progress. Work would be taken up once the land becomes available.
GAUGE CONVERSION											
	Madhya Pradesh	Gondia-Chandafort	242	215.13	1.00	50.00	18.00	34.00	20.25		Gondia-Wadsa-Nagbir (134 kms) completed. Work is in progress in balance portion to suit the target date.
	Orissa	Rupsa-Bangriposi	89	58.00	—	—	—	3.00	0.50	—	Works is in progress.
DOUBLING											
	Madhya Pradesh	Urkura-Raipur-Sarona	11.6	11.90	—	—	—	2.00	4.08	—	Work is in progress in full section.
	Orissa	Raghunathpur-Rahama	28.40	46.43	—	—	—	6.00	8.00	—	Work is in progress.
	Orissa	Gajapati-nagaram-Vijayanagaram	22	29.30	—	2.00	2.00	12.56	5.90	—	Work is in advanced stage of completion.
	Orissa	Rajatgarh-Nergundi	28	42.95	—	—	2.00	11.50	5.16	—	Work is in progress in full section.
	Madhya Pradesh	Akaltara-Champa 3rd line	25.6	39.97	—	—	1.50	12.53	2.00	—	Work is in progress.
	Madhya Pradesh	Korba-Sarabgondia	15	21.77	—	—	7.12	Work is in progress.			

@ Amount was provided as defreezing was under consideration. However, the project was not defrozen at that time and the amount was not spent.